

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE CALL MEETING OF THE OREGON STATE BAR DEBTOR
CREDITOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15 JANUARY 2014

The telephone conference call meeting was arranged by Caroline Cantrell, Chair, and commenced at approximately 2:15pm. The conference call was initiated to enable the EC to discuss the matter of a union boycott of the Seattle Grand Hyatt, where the 2014 Northwest Bankruptcy Institute (NWBI) is scheduled to be held on 25-26 April 2014, in conjunction with the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA).

Committee members present by telephone were Caroline Cantrell, Susan Ford, Dave Hercher, Judge Randall Dunn, Rich Parker, Clarke Balcom, Stephen Arnot, Chris Parnell, Dave Paradis, Natalie Scott, Jason Ayres, Britta Warren, and Leslie Gordon. Also joining us in the discussion were Kay Pulju, OSB Communications Director, and Amber Hollister, Deputy General Counsel for the OSB. Justin Leonard, Carolyn Wade, and Vanesa Pancic were unable to join the call.

The issue that prompted the conference call was that a union in Seattle, UNITE HERE Local 8, has called a boycott on the Seattle Grand Hyatt, where the NWBI is to be held.

Amber Hollister explained that the boycott was called after the contract with the Hyatt had already been signed. The Bar has a binding contract with the Hyatt and would stand to pay \$34,000 in liquidated damages if that contract is broken at this late date. In addition, she said the Bar would potentially be on the hook for up to \$25,000 if the minimum of 119 guest nights are not met by attendees.

Susan Ford asked if the Section would absorb the losses or the Bar. Amber Hollister replied that her understanding was that the section is the Bar, so the OSB could determine that the section pay for liabilities incurred. She also clarified that the Union Local is not claiming any violation of the law. The national Hyatt Hotels signed an agreement with the union, but the Seattle Hyatt is privately owned.

Dave Hercher suggested we get a sense of whether we will stay with the planned venue, then deal accordingly with appropriate damage control. Randy Dunn called the question and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous to stay with the existing venue at the Seattle Hyatt.

Kay Pulju said that it would be best if communications regarding this matter came from specific persons at the OSB, including her and Kateri Walsh, and that specific language would be proposed to express our position in this matter. She will be contacting us in regard to that proposed language.

The conference call was adjourned at approximately 2:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

Clarke Balcom, Secretary